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Preamble

This Commission was established under the Electoral District Boundaries Commission Act S.N.W.T. 1989(1), c.2. In December 1993, the Commission was directed through a motion (Appendix 1) of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly to undertake a review, specifically

> *"that a review be undertaken of the area and boundaries of the existing electoral boundaries of High Arctic, Kitikmeot, Kivallivik, Nunakput, Sahtu and Tu Nedhe so that they may conform to the boundary to divide the Northwest Territories."*

The office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly provided support and administrative assistance to the Commission in their deliberations.

A letter regarding the work of the Commission and how to make a submission was prepared by the Commission and distributed to the organizations set forth in Appendix 3 and to Members of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly whose ridings were affected.

The Commission felt that the public should be afforded full opportunity to make written representations to the Commission. In accordance with Section 8(2) of the Act, the Commission gave public notice of the method and time frame for making written submissions to the Commission (Appendix 2). The commission received only one written submission. This was from the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council. As a consequence the Commission decided not to hold any public hearings.

During previous hearings in 1989/90, the Commission heard that the boundaries should conform to the land claim settlement areas. In recommending the new boundaries the Commission took into account the settled land claim areas which include the Gwich'in, the Inuit, the Inuvialuit, and the Sahtu.

To the extent that it would make sense the existing land claims areas were used to realign the boundaries. As a consequence the recommendations affect two constituencies in addition to those included in the instruction from the Legislative Assembly. These are the Mackenzie Delta and the North Slave. Therefore the total number of constituencies affected by the recommendations are eight(8).

The forgoing with Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 constitute our Report which is respectfully submitted. The terms of this Report, including the formal recommendations it contains, reflect the views of the Commission as a whole.

C F Tallis

Honourable Justice C.F. Tallis
Chairperson

Rosemarie Kuptana

Ms. Rosemarie Kuptana
Member

Mr. Richard Hardy
Member

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Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly/ᓇᓕᕆᔨᒃᑯᑦ ᓯᓚᑲᓐᓂᖅ

Motion

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LEGISLATURES RECOMMENDATION TO THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

WHEREAS Section 5(2) of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission Act provides that the Electoral District Boundaries Commission shall, from time to time, on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly, review the areas, boundaries, name and representation of one or more existing Electoral Districts.

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is committed to ensure that all necessary steps have been taken to prepare for division of the Northwest Territories.

AND WHEREAS it would be desirable to have the existing Electoral Boundaries conform to the boundary that will divide the Northwest Territories into two Territories in time for the general election to elect the 13th Legislative Assembly.

AND WHEREAS Section 12 requires the Electoral District Boundaries Commission to prepare a report to the Legislative Assembly within a time fixed by resolution of the Assembly after a review commences under Section 5 of the Act.

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly wishes to make a recommendation to the Electoral District Boundaries Commission.

NOW THEREFORE I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik, that the Legislative Assembly recommends pursuant to Section 5(2) of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission Act, that a review be undertaken of the area and boundaries of the existing electoral boundaries of High Arctic, Kitikmeot, Kivallivik, Nunakput, Sahtu, and Tu Nedhe so that they may conform to the boundary to divide the Northwest Territories.

AND FURTHER pursuant to Section 12(1) that the Electoral District Boundaries Commission prepare a report to the Legislative Assembly on its review by March 15, 1994.

Date of Notice/ᓄᓇᕗᑦᑎᓕᐅᕐᓂᖓᓄᑦ ᑕᒪᓐᓇ: December 6, 1993
Date of Introduction/ᑎᑎᕋᕐᓂᖓᓄᑦ ᑕᒪᓐᓇ: December 8, 1993
Disposition/ᑲᓇᑕᓕᕐᓂᖓ:
Carried/ᑭᒡᒐᖅᑐᑦ:

Moved by/ᐱᒋᐊᖅᑐᑎᑦ: R. Nerysoo
Seconded by/ᐊᓯᔾᔨᑎᑦ: F. Koe
Ruled out of Order/ᓴᓇᔨᓕᖅᑐᑦ:

Electoral District Boundaries Commission
Northwest Territories

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 12th Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories has requested the Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission, established under the Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission Act, to undertake a review of the area and boundaries of the existing electoral districts of HIGH ARCTIC, KITIKMEOT, KIVALLIVIK, NUNAKPUT, SAHTU, NORTH SLAVE and TU NEDHE. The review is intended to realign these electoral districts to conform to the boundary to divide the N.W.T.

The Commission is considering recommending that the above-mentioned electoral districts be realigned to conform to the boundary line. This map indicates the existing boundaries and the line to divide the Northwest Territories.

Any person may make a written submission to the Commission indicating their views of the proposed realignment.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL MARCH 4, 1994 AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

N.W.T. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BOUNDARIES COMMISSION
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE N.W.T.
P.O. BOX 1320
YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 2L9

Written submissions may be sent by fax to (403) 920-4735.

For general information contact:
Mr. David M. Hamilton, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
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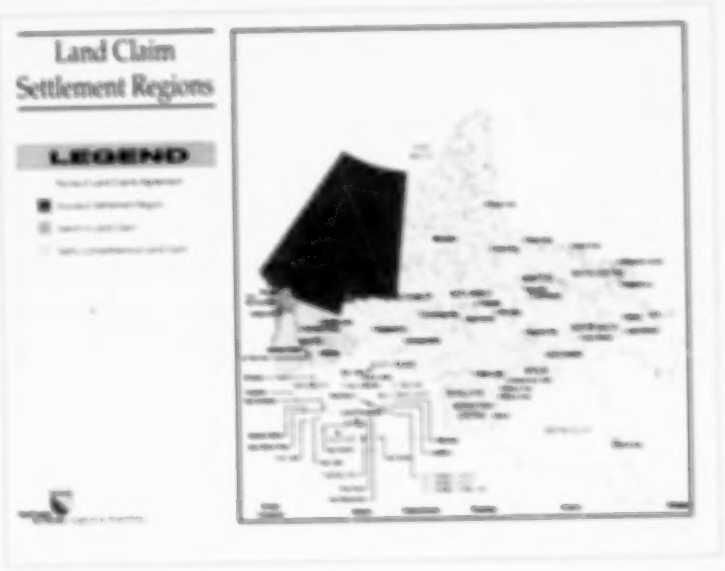
Issued under the authority of the NWT Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission

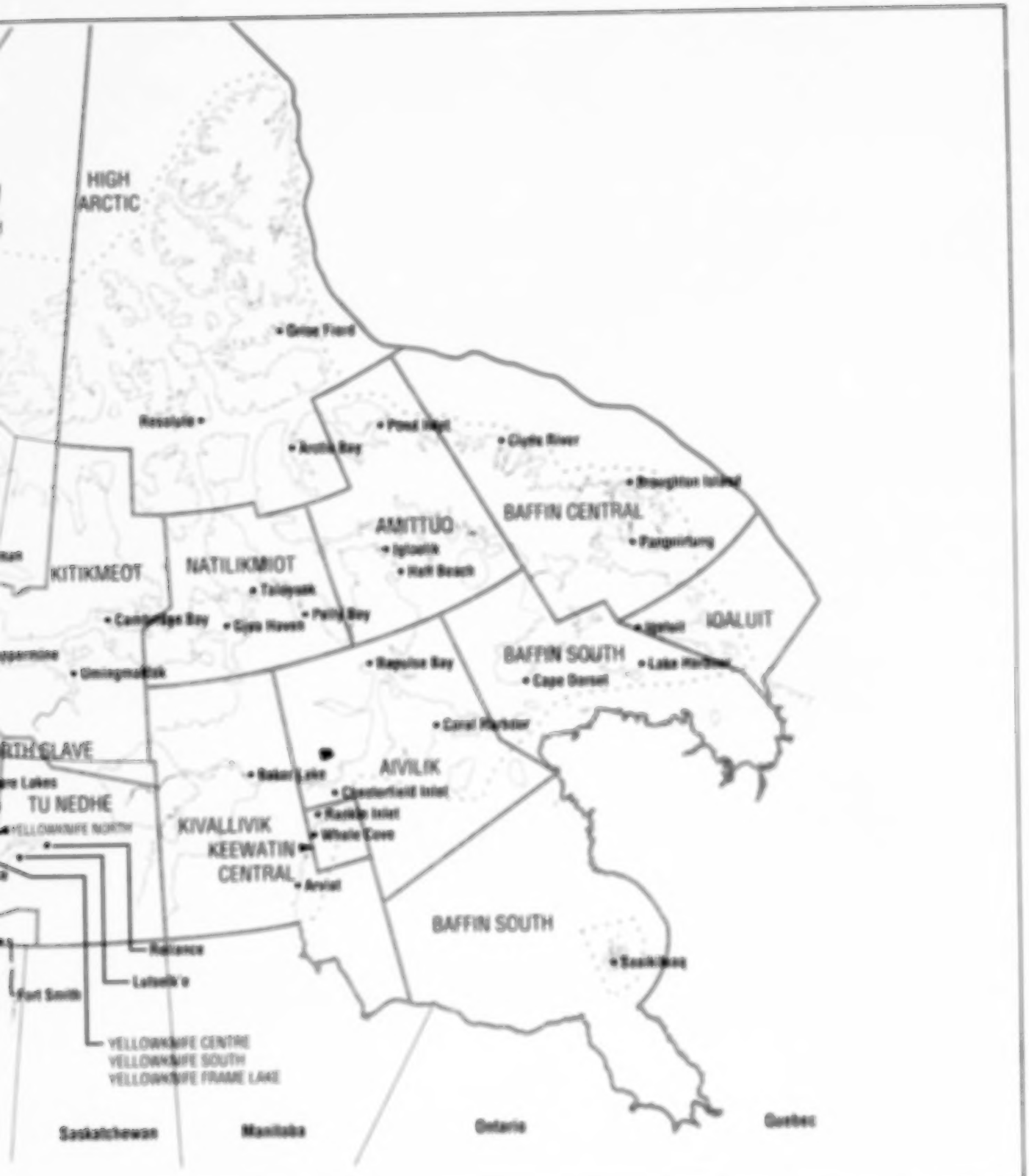
Justice C.F. Tallis Chairperson	Ms. Rosemarie Kuptana Member	Mr. Richard Hardy Member



Proposed Electoral Boundaries

Existing Electoral Boundaries

Land Claim Boundaries
(Portion not used to define an electoral boundary)


HIGH ARCTIC
Grise Fiord
Resolute
Arctic Bay
Pond Inlet
Clyde River
Broughton Island
BAFFIN CENTRAL
Pangnirtung
AMITTUQ
Igloolik
Hall Beach
KITIKMEOT
NATILIKMIOT
Taloyoak
Cambridge Bay
Gjoa Haven
Pelly Bay
IQALUIT
Iqaluit
BAFFIN SOUTH
Lake Harbour
Cape Dorset
Repulse Bay
Coral Harbour
AIVILIK
Baker Lake
Chesterfield Inlet
Rankin Inlet
Whale Cove
KIVALLIVIK
KEEWATIN CENTRAL
Arviat
TU NEDHE
YELLOWKNIFE NORTH
Reliance
Lutselk'e
Fort Smith
YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE
YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH
YELLOWKNIFE FRAME LAKE
Saskatchewan
Manitoba
Ontario
Quebec

February 4, 1998

Dear :

Information Concerning Proposed Re-alignment of NWT Electoral Districts

The Electoral District Boundaries Commission of the Northwest Territories has been requested to consider the re-alignment of certain Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

A copy of the public notice is attached for your information. It is proposed that the electoral districts of High Arctic, Kitikmeot, Nunakput, North Slave, Sahtu and Tu Nedhe be re-aligned to conform to the boundary to divide the Northwest Territories.

If you have concerns with this re-alignment please forward a written submission describing your concerns. The attached notice provides the information necessary for you to forward a submission. The deadline for submissions is March 4, 1998.

The Commission encourages you to make your views known. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Commission through the Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

C.E. Tallis

Justice C.E. Tallis
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Member for Tu Nedhe

Mr. Henry Zoe
Member for North Slave

Recommendations

The Commission recommends that the number of electoral districts for the Northwest Territories remain at twenty-four (24) as shown on the map on pages 6/7. We propose that the electoral districts be named and described as follows:

HIGH ARCTIC

Move the west boundary at 141°00'W longitude to 110°00'W longitude to coincide with the boundary line to divide the territories (Inuvialuit Settlement Region and Nunavut Land Claim boundary).

NUNAKPUT

Remove the north boundary at 75°00'N latitude, to extend the district to the north pole. Move the east boundaries of 115°00'W and 120°00'W to coincide with the boundary line to divide the territories (Inuvialuit Settlement Region and Nunavut Land Claim boundary), 110°00'W and 120°40'51"W respectively. Move the south boundary of 67°45'N, north to 68°00'N to coincide with the Inuvialuit Settlement Region and Sahtu Comprehensive Land Claim boundary.

INUVIK - No change.

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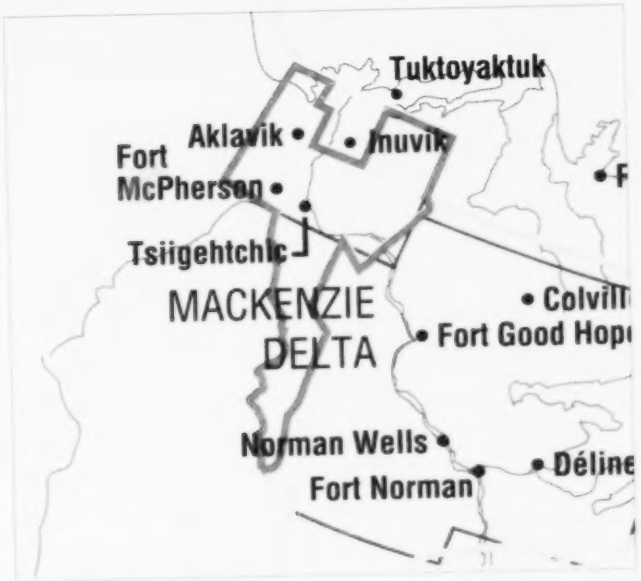
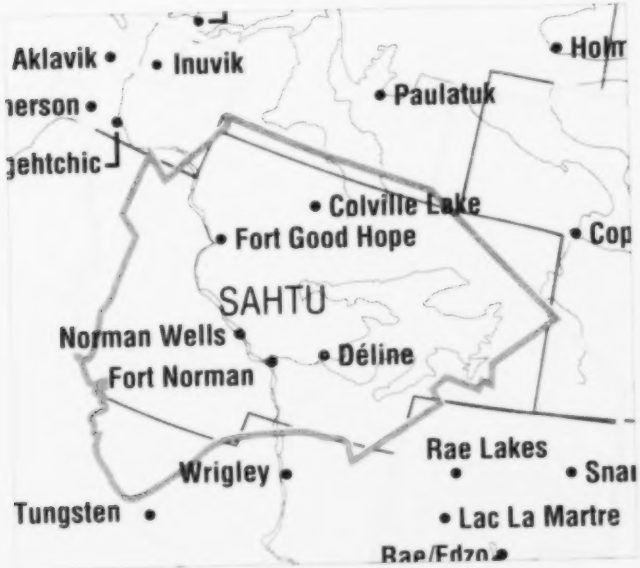


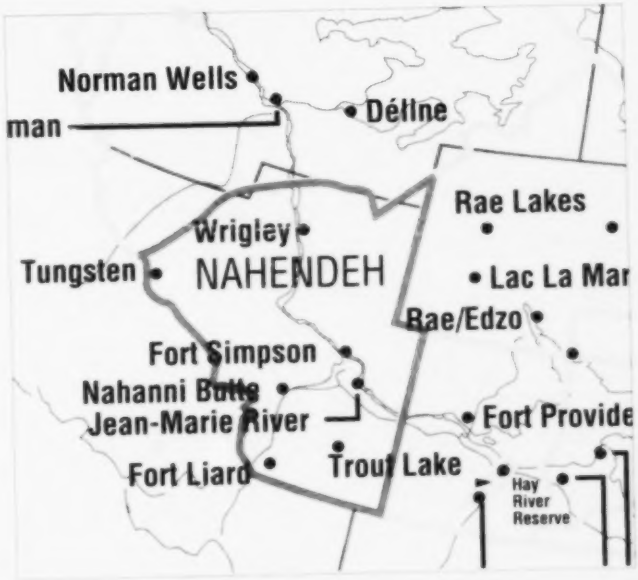
MACKENZIE DELTA

Change the south boundary at 67°00'N and south portion of the east boundary at 130°00'W to coincide with the Gwich'in Land Claim and Sahtu Comprehensive Land Claim boundary.



SAHTU

All boundaries changed to coincide with the Sahtu Comprehensive Land Claim boundaries.



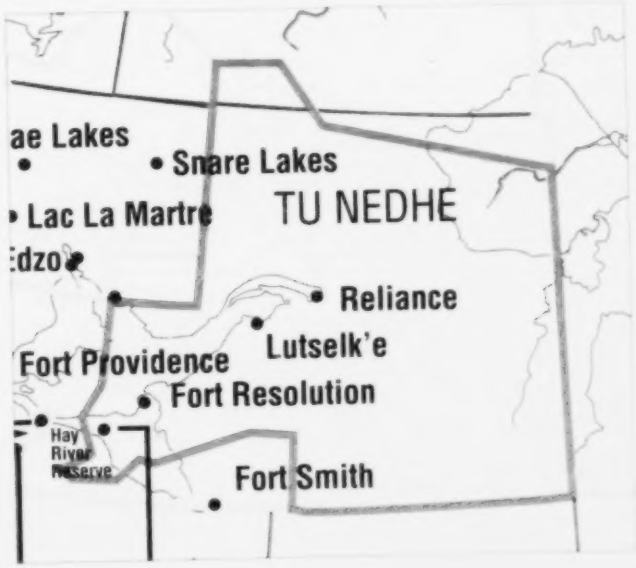
NAHENDEH

North boundaries of 63°30'N, 125°00'W, and 64°10'N changed to coincide with the south boundary of the Sahtu Comprehensive Land Claim.

DEH CHO - No change.

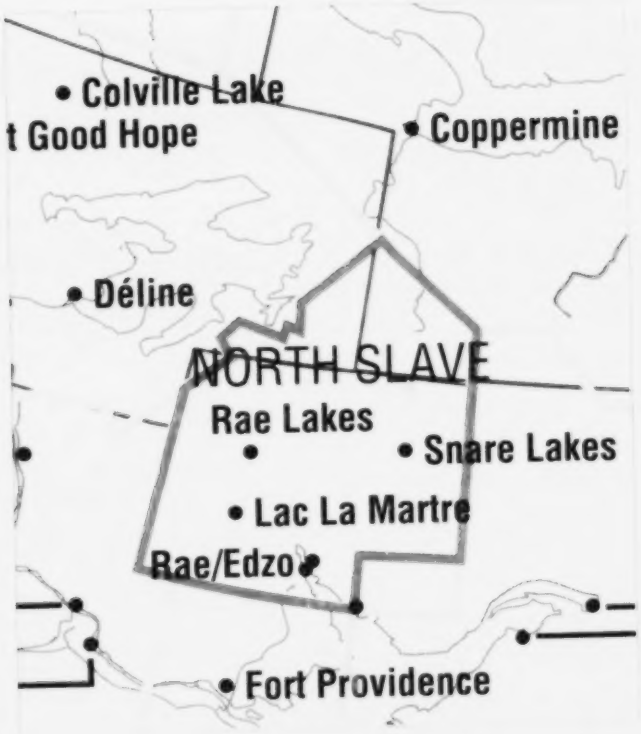
HAY RIVER - No change.

THEBACHA - No change.



TU NEDHE

North boundary of 65°00'N changed and the west boundary of 112°30'W extended, to coincide with the boundary line to divide the territories (Nunavut Land Claim boundary).



NORTH SLAVE

North boundary of 65°00'N changed, west boundary of 120°00'W reduced, and east boundary of 112°30'W extended to coincide with the Sahtu Comprehensive Land Claim and Nunavut Land Claim boundaries.

YELLOWKNIFE NORTH - No change.

YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE - No change.

YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH - No change.

YELLOWKNIFE FRAME LAKE - No change.

KITIKMEOT

West boundaries of 115°00'W, 70°00'N, 120°00'W, 67°45'N, 116°00'W, and south boundary of 65°00'N, changed to coincide with the boundary line to divide the territories (Inuvialuit Settlement Region and Nunavut Land Claim boundary).

NATILIKMIOT - No change.

KIVALLIVIK - No change.

AIVILIK - No change.

KEEWATIN CENTRAL - No change.

AMITTUQ - No change.

BAFFIN CENTRAL - No change.

BAFFIN SOUTH - No change.

IQALUIT - No change.